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What is claimed is:

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5 1. A hair binding device, for binding and maintaining a ponytail, comprising:

an elastic band, having a pair of elastic band ends;  
synthetic hair fibers, collectively having a pair of synthetic hair fiber ends; and

10 wherein each of the elastic band ends is permanently joined with one of the synthetic hair fiber ends so that the elastic bands and synthetic hair fibers together form a closed loop.

15 2. The hair binding device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a pair of connectors, wherein each of the elastic band ends is joined with one of the synthetic hair fiber ends with one of the connectors.

20 3. The hair binding device as recited in claim 2, wherein each of the connectors comprises a sleeve and has two connector ends, wherein for each connector one of the elastic band ends is secured in one of its connector ends and one of the synthetic hair fiber ends is secured in the other of its connector ends.

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4. A hair binding method, for use by a person having a ponytail having a ponytail end, for securing said ponytail,

using a device comprising an elastic band having a pair of elastic band ends, synthetic hair fibers having an appearance similar to the ponytail and having a pair of synthetic hair fiber ends, the synthetic hair fiber ends joined to the  
5 elastic band ends to form a closed loop, comprising the steps of:

encircling the ponytail with the device by inserting the ponytail end through the closed loop of said device;

10 tensioning the device around the ponytail by doubling up the device; and

covering the elastic band with the synthetic hair fibers so that the outward appearance of the device is formed solely by the synthetic hair fibers.

15 5. The hair binding method as recited in claim 4, wherein the step of doubling up the device further comprises repeatedly:

twisting the closed loop to form a secondary loop; and inserting the ponytail end through the secondary loop.